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1. MORAD CASTEL, SECRETARY GENERAL OF ALGERIAN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY, HAS TAKEN OVER ORGANIZATION OF U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VISIT. THUS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, REPEAT TENTATIVE, IS AS FOLLOWS:

1340 ARRIVE ALGIERS

1500 CHECK INTO HOTEL ST. GEORGE (RESERVATION FOR CALDWELL CONFIRMED AND RESERVATION FOR MORRISON MADE.)

1530 BRIEFING BY USINT

1700 MEETINGS WITH ONE OR TWO NATIONAL CORPORATION HEADS AS ARRANGED BY CASTEL

2000 DINNER HOSTED BY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER
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SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

ALL DAY TRIP TO LNG INSTALLATIONS AT ARZEW
TO BE ARRANGED BY MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

MORNING -- ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY AND ENERGY WITH CASTEL, POSSIBLY ABDESSELAM
AND NATIONAL CORPORATION EXECUTIVES. MEETING
WITH MAHROUG OR AOUI OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

AFTERNOON -- MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
OFFICIALS -- PROBABLY YAKER INCLUDING VISIT TO ALGIERS
INTERNATIONAL FAIR.

DINNER -- PRIVATE BUSINESS OFFICIAL IF IN TOWN.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

DEPART ALGIERS.

2. PRIMARY ALGERIAN GOAL WILL BE FOSTER THEIR NEW
26 BILLION DOLLAR FOUR-YEAR PLAN COVERING 1974/77
PERIOD. ALGERIANS ATTEMPTING TO TIE DOWN AMBITIOUS
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND
ENERGY PLANNING TO VISIT U.S. IN FALL WITH STRONG
TEAM. DISCUSSION COULD WELL DWELL ON THIS ASPECT.
SIMILAR VISITS HAVE ALSO GONE TO GERMANY AND JAPAN,
SO TOPIC IS NOT TOO BILATERAL.

3. ALGERIANS WANT CLOSER CONTACTS WITH U.S. RECENTLY
U.S. CORPORATIONS OUTSIDE OF OIL AREA HAVE ENTERED
INTO COMPETITION FOR PROJECTS AT LAST MOMENT WITH
ALGERIANS ASKING WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN AND AMAZED AT WHAT
U.S. CORPORATIONS OFFER. THIS BUSINESS ATTITUDE CONTRASTS
WITH OFFICIAL CAUTION OF TOO CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH
U.S.G.

4. ABOVE SCHEDULE AND SCOPE OF TALKS HERE TENTATIVE.
FINAL PLANS WILL BE MADE AT LAST MOMENT. IF U.S.
CHAMBER REPS. WISH TO CHANGE ABOVE PLANS PLEASE SO
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